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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):	Watowich et al.	)	Group Art Unit:	1631
Serial No.:	09/981,286	)	Examiner:	Ardin Marschel
Filed:	October 15, 2001	)	Confirmation No.:	4993
For:	DRUG DISCOVERY METHODS			

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed **February 27, 2003**, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group VIII (claims 25-29), drawn to a method of identifying a polypeptide within a collection that prevents cell death. In response to the requirement for election of species, applicants also elect Vero cells. Support for the species can be found at, for instance, pg. 10, line 29, of the specification. Applicants' Representatives reserve the right to pursue examination of the non-elected claims in continuation or divisional applications. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restrictions in this case and submit that the inventions as claimed can be readily evaluated in one search without placing undue burden on the Examiner.

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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number, if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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